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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), on the basis of informal consultations

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2005/32 of 26 July 2005, 2006/11 of 26 July 2006 and 2007/15 of 26 July 2007 and its decision 2002/304 of 25 October 2002,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau;[1]

2. *Welcomes* the decision of the Peacebuilding Commission to place Guinea-Bissau on its agenda and the creation of a country-specific configuration;

3. *Takes note* of the political and economic evolution of the situation and welcomes the support of the international community to this process;

4. *Looks forward* to continued support for Guinea-Bissau from donors, the United Nations system and the Bretton Woods institutions and, in this regard, welcomes the decision by the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund to renew access by Guinea-Bissau to emergency post-conflict assistance;

5. *Reaffirms* the importance of promoting sustainable development and improved governance as fundamental to consolidating peace, in addition to ongoing efforts for socio-economic recovery and reforms in the public administration, security and defence sectors;

6. *Invites* the partners of Guinea-Bissau to provide predictable and adequate resources to ensure the effective implementation of the Peacebuilding Commission's strategic framework;

[1] E/2008/55.

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7. *Stresses* the importance of addressing the structural causes of conflict and, in this connection, urges continued support and funding for the implementation of the country's Poverty Reduction Strategy, its security sector reform plan and its anti-narcotics operational plan;

8. *Expresses its appreciation* for the positive and constructive role of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau in supporting the country in its efforts to rebuild its economy and society, and invites its members to continue their support through the Peacebuilding Commission;

9. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the support provided to the work of the Group;

10. *Decides* to terminate the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau;

11. *Invites* the Peacebuilding Commission to consider the work of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau of the Economic and Social Council and to draw upon the lessons learned from that experience;

12. *Also invites* the Peacebuilding Commission to continue to inform it about the economic and social aspects of peacebuilding in Guinea-Bissau;

13. *Decides* to consider this matter at its substantive session of 2009 under the agenda item entitled "African countries emerging from conflict".